

LGBT-029 Steven Leshner Collection

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Leshner, Steven **LGBT-029**

Material: Papers (1985-1999)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 document box, 4 artifacts)

Donation: Donated by Steven Leshner, 2014

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Steven Leshner was born in Harrisburg, PA and lived in Harrisburg his whole life. He graduated from Shippensburg University with a BA in Psychology, and later attended Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and graduated from the nursing program. With his combined degree in psychology and nursing, Leshner went into psychiatry at the Polyclinic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA.

Leshner was involved in a precursor to the South Central AIDs Assistance Network (SCAAN) and the PA Rural Gay Caucus. He also became a member of Dignity/Central PA in the 1970s, where he participated in events and activities, as well as became part of the social committee. He is still active in the Dignity community today.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is mainly comprised of materials documenting the activities of Dignity Central PA, a Catholic organization for LGBTQ+ individuals that has been active in the Harrisburg, PA area since 1976. The scrapbook includes mostly photos, unless otherwise noted, of annual picnics, events, and members, like those of founder Jerry Brennan and Father Wallace Sawdy. Materials also include information on Quentin Crisp, an English author, actor, and playwright, and a calling card for the Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg (GSH).

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1 Passover

- 1.01 Dignity of Central PA Passover Haggadah – 1982
- 1.02 Dignity of Central PA Passover Seder instructions and table arrangements – circa 1982

Series 2 Quentin Crisp

- 2.01 Program for Dignity Central PA 10th Anniversary with Quentin Crisp Autograph – Jul. 20 1985
- 2.02 “Obituary for Quentin Crisp” *Washington Blade* – Nov. 26, 1999

Series 3 Miscellaneous

- 3.01 Gay Switchboard of Harrisburg Calling Card (2) – circa 1980

Series 4 Scrapbook

- Page 01) Men at Event – undated
Two men at Washington D.C. Pride (?) – undated
- Page 02) Philadelphia Gay Pride 1976
- Page 03) Philadelphia Gay Pride 1976
- Page 04) Blank
- Page 05) Blank
- Page 06) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 22, 1976
- Page 07) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 22, 1976
- Page 08) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 22, 1976
- Page 09) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 22, 1976
- Page 10) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 22, 1976
- Page 11) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 1982
- Page 12) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Aug. 1983
- Page 13) Dignity/Central PA 8th Annual Dinner at Railroad House, Marietta, PA – Jul. 1983
- Page 14) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Summer 1983
- Page 15) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – Summer 1983
- Page 16) Service/Event – undated
- Page 17) Office of Dignity/Central PA – undated
- Page 18) “The Blessing of the Office of Dignity/Central Pennsylvania” program – Mar. 18, 1990
- Page 19) “The Blessing of the Office of Dignity/Central Pennsylvania” program – Mar. 18, 1990
- Page 20) The Blessing of the Office of Dignity/Central PA – Mar. 18. 1990
- Page 21) The Blessing of the Office of Dignity/Central PA – Mar. 18. 1990
- Page 22) The Blessing of the Office of Dignity/Central PA – Mar. 18. 1990
- Page 23) Dignity/Central PA Event – undated
- Page 24) Dignity/Central PA Event – undated

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Series 4 Scrapbook (cont.)

Page 25) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated
Page 26) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated
Page 27) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated
Page 28) Dignity/Central PA Booth – undated
Page 29) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated
Page 30) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated
Page 31) Dignity/Central PA Booth – undated
Page 32) Blank
Page 33) Dignity/Central PA event – undated
Page 34) Washington DC Pride Festival (?) - undated
Page 35) Washington DC Pride Festival (?) – undated
Page 36) Blank
Page 37) Dignity/Central PA Event - undated
Page 38) Man at Dignity/Central PA Event – undated
Page 39) Dignity/Central PA Picnic – undated

Series 5 Artifacts

LGBT-029-AC01 Yarmulkes (2) – circa 1982
LGBT-029-AC02 Seder tablecloth – circa 1982
LGBT-029-AC03 Matzah dish – circa 1982
LGBT-029-AC04 Seder plate – circa 1982